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Prospectus.

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CAPITAL £2,000,000.

First Issue of 100,000 Shares of £20 each, Of which 50,000 are Reserved for Issue in India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

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Directors: CHRISTIAN ALLHUSEN, Esq., D. L. W. P. Director of the International Bank of London, Limited.

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E. F. HARROLD, Esq., C.S.I., Formerly President of the Bank of Bengal.

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BANKERS: THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LIMITED.

THE BANK OF SCOTLAND (Edinburgh and Branches).

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Interim Secretary: R. T. ROHDE, Esq., TEMPORARY OFFICES, 40, Threadneedle Street, E.C.

Forms of Application for SHARES may be obtained from the Office of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Hongkong.

All Payments on Application for SHARES are to be made to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, who will grant Receipts for the same.

Applications for SHARES will be received until the 15th September.

T. JACKSON, Chairman.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG & SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours, 10 to 3 (Saturdays, 10 to 1). Week-days, 10 to 3 (Saturdays, 10 to 1).

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, friends, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may add thereto or transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Post Office by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to the late Firm.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked, On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but with personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

With Reference to the above BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
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Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

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SELECTED BY THE SPECIAL AGENT OF

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Specimens of the Latest Styles in ARTISTIC FURNITURE;

SUBSTANTIAL,

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estimates and designs for Furnishing throughout

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Hongkong, August 27, 1884.

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On or before the 31st day of August Next,

AND THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK is now offered at a REDUCTION of 25 per Cent. on the Marked Prices.

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All Sales from this date will be for Cash only. Customers are requested to make immediate Payment of Amounts due by them to the late Firm.

SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, June 9, 1884.

1423

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PIANOS,

by

NEUMAYER & CO., WEIDENSLAUFER & ROSENKRANZ.

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COMPLETE IRON FRAME AND TUNING PLATE,

Unrivalled for Brilliance and Sweetness of Tone.

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Hongkong, August 20, 1884. 1426

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Hongkong, July 21, 1884. 1424

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Hongkong, April 15, 1884. 1426

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Hongkong, September 2, 1884. 1426

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Such Transfers are subject to a Stamp Duty of Ten Shillings for each One Hundred Pounds or part of One hundred Pounds of the consideration money, and there will be incurred also a fee of 2/6d. for each Certificate.

The Company have availed themselves of the Local Register and have now opened at this Office for SHARES held by residents in this Colony.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 18, 1884. 1429

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No. 6350 - SEPTEMBER 5, 1884.

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TOPCAN BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE
COLD FISH. Boiled.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
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Family BEEF in 25 lb. cans.
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Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
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Richardson's Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Lamb's HAM.
Lamb's TONGUES.
Clam CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
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SUCCOTASH.
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FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.
600 lb. "
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A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
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FINE YORK HAMS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
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Digly CHICKS.
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Kippered HERRINGS.
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LUSH BACON in tins.
COCONUTINA.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
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CLARETS—
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HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

GOUVERNEMENT'S BRANDY.

FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

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E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NORTY PEAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.

JAMESON'S WHISKY.

MARSHAL'S WHISKY.

EDDIE'S WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA BOKER'S and ORANGE

BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by K. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in half-heads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
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BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
RAFFES, CASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, August 15, 1884.

Intimations.

LAUDATORY NOTICE.

THIS LAUDATORY NOTICE is hereby given by the Undersigned as to make known as widely as possible among Europeans and as the Chinese that a friend of ours, named LIN ASAY, a native of Amoy, died on board the steamer *Argonaut* (the agents of which are Messrs. Butterfield & Swire), during the voyage from Foochow to Hongkong, on the 26th instant. The prudences, Meung KWAN Chooe and Woo CHOO, were good enough to take care of the body and place it in a Coffin; and Captain WILCOX, Mr. QUAIL, the chief mate, and Dr. SWIFT, the surgeon, kindly rendered every assistance to enable the body to be brought to Hongkong, to be buried in the Tung Wha Cemetery. For the kindnesses thus rendered by the above gentlemen both the live and the dead are grateful; and this Notice is published to make their acts known.

Signed by ALL THE PASSENGERS
belonging to *Kwangtung* and *Foochow*, returning from Peiping on board the Steamer.

Hongkong, August 30, 1884. 1462

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Hongkong, August 21, 1884. 1400

NOTICE.
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IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (Hongkong Branch) are hereby
requested to present them to the LIQUIDATOR of the Bank, when they will be given
in Exchange for a Certificate of the value of
the Notes deposited.

HOLDERS of NOTES will be required to
present the LIQUIDATOR of the Bank,
a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of
Issue, Number and Amount of each Note
predicted.

Forms of Schedule may be had on applica-
tion at the OFFICES of the ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
OF THE
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

By his Attorney,
J. MELVILLE MATSON,
H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1285

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
CORK JACKETS,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 250

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 5, 1884. 1405

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
Menzel.

Commandant BENOIS.

will be despatched for
YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of
the next English Mail from Europe.

Parcels (all of which must be sent to our
Office) will be received up to 4 p.m. of the
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The information of the other negotiations regarding belligerents, and we do not suppose there is an important theoretical difference between the existence of hostilities and a declaration of war, so far as the official proceedings of neutral governments are concerned? The Act is entitled: "An act to regulate the conduct of Her Majesty's subjects during the existence of hostilities between Foreign States with which Her Majesty is at peace." Still it would seem rather anomalous if the existence of hostilities should bring into force one set of restrictions upon neutrals, while a declaration of war should bring into force another set. If, however, China has anything to gain by a declaration of war, she is at liberty to make one, and the same may be said in regard to France. We do not wish to argue the French vessel out of this harbour, because we prefer seeing them lying here rather than anchored elsewhere; but do we think China would be any better off if the French vessels were cruising up the Coast instead of lying quietly anchored in this port. It is also a question if China is entitled to the privileges of a fully civilized and enlightened nation, which wages war proper and recognized principles. We think, however, that she is.

TELEGRAMS.

EUROPE AND AUSTRIA.
LONDON, 4 September 1884.
The Emperor of Russia has left St. Petersburg for Warsaw.
It is expected that a meeting between him and the Emperors of Germany and Austria will take place in the neighbourhood of Warsaw.

Another Serious Riot.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO CHINA MAIL.
(Per Imperial Chinese Telegraph.)

CANTON, Sept. 5th, 10.20 a.m.
Riots have taken place at Shek-lung.
Two chapels and twenty-six houses have been burned and looted.

Shek-lung is a large town to the north-east of Canton.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED CANAL—Opeck; Aug. 11; Hankow, Aug. 12; Tantau, Telemachus, and Belvoir, Aug. 13.

The next **ENGLISH MAIL**, per the O. & O. steamer *Brindis*, left Yokohama on Saturday, the 13th Aug., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 18th instant.

The next **ENGLISH MAIL**, by the P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Bindis*, left Singapore for this port on Thursday morning, the 4th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about Tuesday, the 9th instant.

The S. S. *Leyte* left Sydney for this port on 1st August.

The S. S. *Belvoir* left Singapore for this port on the 3rd instant.

The S. S. *Telamon* left Singapore for this port on the 3rd instant.

6,000 feet of new hose have just arrived for the Hong Kong Government Fire Brigade.

An important notice relating to the Canton river will be found among the advertisements.

It is reported that the French corvette *Villiers* will shortly leave here for Tonquin.

In the shooting match which is shortly to take place between the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Royal Artillery and the Hong Kong Volunteers, the Royal Artillery team will exclusively belong to the Old Battery.

The S. S. *Esmeralda*, which arrived this morning from Pakhoi and Hoihow, brought from the latter place a large number of pigs.

Owing to the prevalence of disease among these animals at Hoihow the live cargo will not be landed until after the expiration of a period of quarantine and a thorough examination by the Inspector of Markets.

The P. & O. steamer *Bindis*, expected about Tuesday next, is bringing the French, Australian, and English mails. We are requested to inform our readers that instructions have been telegraphed to the mail officer on board to prepare all letters for immediate delivery as soon as the mails arrive. Registered correspondence will be ready very shortly afterwards. The papers from all three mails will have to be sorted on shore, which will occupy about two hours. If the mail should arrive at night, papers will not be delivered until the following day. Should any unusual difficulty have rendered different arrangements necessary, notices will be given as soon as possible.

This extraordinary and entirely false news from Shanghai that a Chinese army had annihilated French Brigades through the native community like wildfire. A bold redoubt who knows the Chinese here well states that he never knew them in such a state of jubilation. There was no doubt that they felt depressed and had "lost face" at the Foochow business, but the glorious victory announced in Tonquin has brought them all into a state of "exposed dragon."

No equal dispute. It stands / Confirms ours, disclaims Divs. Two brigades,

which, being translated, means we shall shoot and kill about "China for ever" and

offer joss-sticks to valiant Kwantai, the God of war!

The new steamship *Ariste*, 1,491, Captain Wintrop Ellis, arrived here this morning from Sunderland and usual ports of call.

The *Ariste* has been built for the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co., and is intended for the Australian and China trade. She is a sister ship to the *Gothic* and, as we give a full description of that ship in our issue of the 21st July, an account of the *Ariste* would be superfluous.

The mob at Canton are so bitterly antagonistic to foreigners at present that if even one of their own countrymen look "foreign-like" he is likely to come to grief. The Chinese Mail, copies of this, tells us that five days ago, a Chinaman of a somewhat dark countenance, dressed in white clothes, and *tao-tieh* shoes, was in the habit of promenading Shat, in front of Shamen, after paying a daily visit to a gambling house. Some thieves, aware of this practice of his, followed him on the day in question, and when he reached Shat created a disturbance, shouting out that the man was a French convert. The man was hustled by the bystanders and knocked down, when the thieves availed themselves of the opportunity to relieve the stranger of his gains. The victim tried hard to convince the people that he was a Chinaman, pure and simple, but his explanation was so utterly drowned in the din and racket which had been stirred up, that no one could hear what he said, and the man was nearly killed. Fortunately a shopkeeper knew the stranger and became responsible for him, and there the matter ended. The account is concluded by the Editor thus: "When the gamblers are unseemly the body comes to grief; an old saw, which we recommend to the man of the sombre countenance."

At 8 o'clock this morning, a fire broke out in a block of shops situated on the north side of Queen's Road West, Suyi u-ping. The fire first made its appearance in a cake shop and Chinese restaurant called the Pan Yen, which, in a few minutes, was in a mass of flames. The fire soon spread to the adjacent shops, the Kwong Sheng Soy Factory on the east side and the Shui Lung-o-pien shop on the west side, and these two also were speedily in a blaze. The heat at one time was so intense that it was nearly impossible to pass along the road and the hose had to be led under the verandahs of the shops opposite. The fire was stopped on the west by Tak-lung lane, although the barbers' shop which blocked up half the archway leading from the lane to the Road, is reduced to a mass of rubble. The shops east of those completely destroyed are the Tung Cheung Fat, sam-shoo shop, slightly damaged, and the Fuk Tai, stationer's shop, which looks as if it escaped without any damage at all.

The first engine put in an appearance was the Government—neutral—front West Point. This engine did excellent work in preventing the conflagration spreading westward along Queen's Road, which, at this point, is occupied by shops dealing in oils, spirits, firewood, paper and other combustible materials. If the fire had got a good hold of this pile of buildings the consequences would have been most disastrous. Indeed, it is a wonder that when the flames were at the fiercest the shops on the opposite side of the road did not catch fire, as their fronts were covered with paper chin-shin joss arrangements and hung with lamps in honour of the festival not going on. Soon after the fire bell rang, members of the Government, Volunteer, and native Nam-Pak Fire Brigades speedily put in an appearance, the main efforts being confined to preventing the fire spreading. By five o'clock the fire was completely extinguished. The three houses first mentioned are completely destroyed, parts of the granite verandahs only standing. We understand that two or three of the shops are insured, but are unable to learn in what other case. The Superintendent of the Brigades, Mr. Hoopool; Mr. A. Falcoher, Assistant Superintendent; and Mr. Ross, in charge of the Volunteer Fire Brigades, were present.

There is a rumour prevalent among the Chinese that an old woman, just arrived from Canton, was burned to death in one of the houses; but no such report has been made to the authorities.

MEETING OF SEATHOLDERS IN UNION CHURCH.

A GENERAL meeting of the seatholders in the Union Church was held in the Church this afternoon. There were present Dr. Young, Dr. Chalmers, Dr. Ho Kai, Mr. Macomachie, Mr. J. S. Cox, Mr. W. D. Hutchinson, Mr. J. D. Hutchison, Mr. W. Legge and others. Mr. J. S. Cox was voted to the chair.

The business was three-fold: (1st)—To elect a Trustee to complete the number specified in the Trust-Deed; (2d)—To elect a Committee to act on behalf of the body of seatholders; (3d)—To draft (if possible) as some plan whereby at least one service for Dr. Price. Work shall be held during each month.

On the motion of Mr. J. D. Hutchinson, Mr. D. R. Crawford was re-elected trustee. On the motion of Mr. J. D. Hutchinson, the following gentlemen were elected a committee of management for the current year:—Messrs. D. Gillies, Dr. R. Chalmers, A. Rodger, H. W. Davis, A. Falconer, Dr. Young, Rev. Dr. Chalmers, Inspector Macomachie and Mr. C. Parker.

Mr. J. D. Hutchinson then stated that a sum of \$200 was required to clear the

Church of debt, in addition to the rents of seats for the current year. This sum the Retiring Committee had decided to raise from seatholders and then their duties would cease.

Several propositions were made with regard to the carrying on of the services. Dr. Young proposed that the new Committee be instructed to apply to some of the Presbyterian or Congregationalist bodies at home to have the Church taken under their protection. An idea was also expressed by the same gentleman that if the service was made a purely Scotch one, the Church would meet with more support. Mr. W. D. Hutchinson supported the same idea. Ultimately it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Legge, by a majority of six to three, that the Committee be instructed not to attach the Church in any way to any body at home; and that it would be preferable that the services be carried on here temporarily in such a way as may seem best to the Committee, leaving the future to its own development.

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Some of the recent proclamations issued by the authorities in Canton have served to rouse the worst feelings of the people against foreign residents. There can be no doubt whatever that the proclamation of Saturday night last, offering rewards for the heads of French soldiers, led to the attempt of Sunday night to take, or kill, two French priests. As little doubt is there that the riot in Fatahan was occasioned by the proclamation of the Prefect and two District Magistrates, informing the people that the chapels of the Roman Catholics in every prefecture and district were closed by official orders, i.e., handed over to the Government authorities. It is true that in the document care is taken to guard the people against making indiscriminate attacks on property of foreigners, and one paragraph tells them that the doors and chapels in the possession of persons of other nationalities which have remained at peace with China must not be disturbed.

Now that China is at war with France there is fear lest the people may not distinguish between the various hongs and preaching halls, it will, therefore, be proper to cause to be written in Chinese characters, or large size, the name of the country to which the preaching hall belongs and post the same over the doorway, so that men may understand at a glance and no injury be done to the building. The object of the officials is far to go, provided that everybody could read and understand their instructions. Such is not, however, the case.

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